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Turkmen SSR - February 1950

1. In Turkmen SSR in February 1950 the Soviets had two divisions in the neighborhood of Ashkhabad and two more divisions in the vicinity of Mary (Merv).

Transcaucasus - February 1950

2. In February 1950, the Soviets had five divisions in the Transcaucasus area opposite the Iranian border, located as follows:

- a. One division in Nakhichevan
- b. Two divisions in Kirovabad
- c. One division in Baku
- d. One division in Lenkoran

Transcaucasus - May 1950

3. It has been reported that in May 1950 the Soviet Union had 250,000 troops in the area south of the Caucasus Mountains to the Turkish and Iranian borders. Twelve divisions of these 250,000 troops were supposedly in Azerbaidzhan.
4. A reserve army of undetermined size reportedly was north of the mountains near the Caspian Sea.
5. More troop concentrations were noted in the Leninakan area of Armenian SSR in May 1950 than previously. This included one parachute division of about 1,700 men.
6. A cavalry unit was reportedly stationed near Yerevan.
7. One parachute division was reported at Tbilisi.

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